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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Legislative Counsel

FROM : S. D. Breckinridge

SUBJECT : HSCA Proposal for Review of Preliminary  
Reports

1. Action Requested: There is a recommendation for  
your approval in paragraph 4.

2. Background: The Chief Counsel of the HSCA has  
proposed a procedure, outside the formal Memorandum of  
Understanding, for preliminary review of the draft  
reports prepared by the staff. We will be provided the  
reports and will convey our comments in a series of  
meetings. To avoid a record of the exchanges we must  
agree to keep no copies of the draft (we will be allowed  
to reproduce copies) and to prepare no formal papers;  
all Agency reaction will be kept in informal working  
notes that will be destroyed. We must commit ourselves  
to this and establish procedures that will insure  
compliance.

3. This will provide us with an opportunity to  
correct certain positions that have been developed at  
the working level in the HSCA staff, as well as avoiding  
the difficulties of coping with a large report within  
the agreed five days when it is finally ready for formal  
comment. We have stated that we insist that any exchanges  
be with senior staff members to insure that our corrections  
and views are accurately handled. A detailed memorandum  
of the discussion is attached.

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